

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Examiner: Ponnoreay Pich  
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ALEX J. DRAUGHONE ET AL. ) T/C Art Unit: 2135  
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Application No.: 10/601,468 )  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Office Action dated April 19, 2007, imposed a restriction requirement in the above-identified application, requiring that the present application be restricted to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claim 1-8 are drawn to a method and database for facilitating access to messages, classified in class 726, subclass 26.

Group II: Claim 9-12 are drawn to a method to allow customers to access private messages, classified in class 726, subclass 28.

In response, the claims identified in Group I are hereby provisionally elected, namely Claims 1-8.